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Dear Ms. Henney:

Re: Docket No.00D-1598

How long to do consumers have to fight this battle about labels on GE foods? I think the people of this nation, have over-whelmingly voiced their desire to KNOW what they are buying. Why is the FDA trying to wiggle out of it??

We can see what something weighs, what the sodium and fat content is, and so on and on. Why do we have to be IGNORANT of what genes have been added, or manipulated in a product? Many of us have given up so many foods, or limited consumption of red meat, but if we turn to grains, what then??

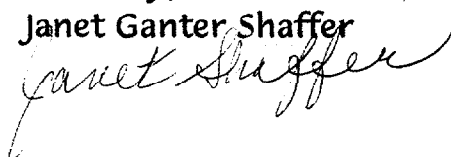
Aside, from the fact that GE foods may not be tolerated by many people, there is just not enough done to test these things in the field. Our country has a VERY POOR record, of jumping on new technology, without carefully evaluating the implications.

Over and over again, I hear knowledgeable people, even legislators say, we are a "crisis country". When bodies pile up and we have dire circumstances, then we react. Is this stupid or what??? Why does Canada and Europe take this seriously and the USA just plods along???

I hope you will do everything in your power, to get this message to all your colleagues at FDA and your big boss, President Bush.

Sincerely,

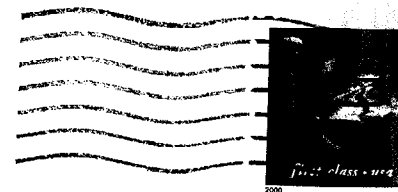
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